Development and maintenance of rivers to save from degeneration

4418. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major rivers in the country are in danger of drying and degenerating;

(b) whether it is also a fact that enormous extraction water with modern tube-wells from rivers and their basins have seriously caused the accelerated drying and degenration of rivers;

(c) what are the steps followed by Government for the development and maintenance of rivers to save from degenaration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Existing trend does not indicate any danger of drying up of major river. Necessary measures for conservation of rivers through pollution abatement works are taken up by the Ministry of Environment & Forests under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP).

Completion of hydel projects

†4419. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Central aided hydel projects in various States of the country remain incomplete due to paucity of funds;

(b) if so, the details of such hydel projects, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the cost of such projects in incessantly escalating due to their pendency; and

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government for timely completion of such hydel projects?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.